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CRITICAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN AFRICA: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EXPERT GROUP ON AFRICAN COMMODITY PROBLEMS

Tunisia and Uganda: revised draft resolution

Report on Africa's commodity problems: towards a solution

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution AHG/177 (XXIV) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity adopted in May 1988, which requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish a high-level expert group to examine the problems of African commodities in the context of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

Recalling also its resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 43/12 of 25 October 1988, 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme and 44/17 of 1 November 1989 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Aware of the predominantly important role that commodities play in the African economies and the importance of horizontal and vertical diversification, market promotion activities and export,

Taking note with appreciation of the establishment of the United Nations Secretary-General's Expert Group on Africa's Commodity Problems and its consequent report, 1/

1/ A/45/581.

1. Takes note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General's Expert Group on Africa's Commodity Problems 2/ and of Africa's Common Position on that report; 3/

2. Takes note also of the note by the Secretary-General on the critical economic situation in Africa; 4/

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and other interested Governments, multilateral financial institutions and regional development funds, to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Final Review and Appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, proposals on how to support Africa's efforts at diversification, including the means of mobilizing sufficient resources on favourable terms from the international community and measures to enhance domestic and foreign investment and enterprise;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his report a study on how diversification in Africa can be implemented at national, subregional and regional levels with the support of the international community taking into account the report of the United Nations Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Problems and the Africa's Common Position on that report, and invites the international community, including regional development banks, to take the issue of diversification into account as an important element in Africa's economic development;

5. Invites the international community, including the African Development Bank, to strengthen its support of Africa's efforts to diversify its commodity sector bearing in mind the relevant operational mechanisms;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to accord Africa's commodity programmes appropriate priority in the United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session a sub-item entitled "Africa's commodity problems" under the item entitled "Critical economic situation in Africa";

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2/ A/45/581, annex.

3/ A/45/591, annex.

4/ A/45/581/Add.1.

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole his report on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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